

249H.2 Legislative findings — goal.

1. The general assembly finds that:
 - a. The preservation, improvement, and coordination of the health care infrastructure of Iowa are critical to the health and safety of Iowans.
 - b. An increasing number of seniors and persons with disabilities in the state requires long-term care services provided outside of a medical institution.
 - c. A full array of long-term care services is necessary to provide cost-effective and appropriate services to the varied population of health care consumers.
 - d. The supported development of long-term care alternatives, including assisted-living facility services, adult day services, and home and community-based services, is critical in areas of the state where such alternatives otherwise are not likely to be developed.
 - e. Cost containment in the delivery of health care is necessary to improve services and access for all Iowans.
 - f. Grants are necessary to cover the expenditures related to the development of alternative health care services. Development of these alternatives will improve access to and delivery of long-term care services to underserved individuals or in underserved areas, which will in turn contain or reduce the cost and improve the quality of health care services.
 - g. A continuing source of funding is necessary to enhance the state's ability to meet the rising demand of seniors with low and moderate incomes in obtaining an appropriate variety of long-term care services.
2. The goal of this program is to create a comprehensive long-term care system that is consumer-directed, provides a balance between the alternatives of institutionally and noninstitutionally provided services, and contributes to the quality of the lives of Iowans.

2000 Acts, ch 1004, §2, 22; 2000 Acts, ch 1232, §59; 2001 Acts, ch 64, §8

Referred to in §16.182